

Appl. No. 09/594,685
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REMARKS

In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated May 21, 2008, the rejection of Claims 1-21 was affirmed, and the rejection of Claims 22 and 23 was reversed. Accordingly, Claims 1-21 are cancelled, and Claims 22 and 23 are rewritten in independent form.

It is recalled that the Examiner indicated in the Office Action of November 15, 2004, that Claims 22 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, and to include all the limitations of the base claim (17).

The Board has overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, and Claims 22 and 23 have been rewritten to include all the limitations of base claim 17. Accordingly, the Application appears to be in condition for allowance, both as to form and over the prior art.

Such action is courteously requested.

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